

Miracle ON MAIN STREET

Electric Holiday Parade

Saturday, November 28, 2015 ~ 5:00 p.m.

The annual Westminster Miracle on Main Street festivities begin with Santa coming to town as part of the Electric Holiday Parade.

The Parade will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 28. Parade entries may be traditional (not lighted) or electric/lighted (with a minimum of 2000 lights incorporated into the design). Staging information and rules for all entries are enclosed/attached.

Parade entries may not include a Santa Claus of any kind.

Prizes will be awarded for Best & Brightest, Spirit of the Season and Main Street Champion.

The application deadline is November 20, 2015. A signed release and indemnification form must be included with your Parade application.

For more information, contact City of Westminster Recreation & Parks.

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Rules and Regulations

Additional Information for Electric Entries

Floats

1. Floats may only have a maximum of 2,000 lights, or 1,500 lights with spotlights not to exceed 1000 watts in total, if using a battery and inverter from Interstate Battery.
2. Floats can be pulled by a vehicle or moved by manpower. Manpower will be judged as a walking unit.
3. Amplified music may be used so long as approved by the Parade organizers.
4. Edges of floats should be covered in some manner.
5. All wiring must be properly secured to prevent mechanical damage and injury to float riders.
6. All connections must be made with UL approved electrical boxes or devices.
7. Portable generators or compressors used on a float must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches must separate any part of the generator/compressor from combustible fabrication material.
8. All floats will be subject to inspection by the Parade committee.
9. If needed, batteries and inverters will be provided and installed by Interstate Battery at Parade formation.
10. All batteries and inverters will be removed at Parade disbandment by Interstate Battery personnel.

Vehicles

1. Each vehicle may only have a maximum of 2,000 lights, or 1,500 lights with spotlights not to exceed 1000 watts in total, if using a battery and inverter from Interstate Battery.
2. Amplified music may be used so long as approved by Parade organizers.
3. Car clubs are required to decorate all cars entered in the Parade.
4. One application should be submitted for each car club, accurately estimating the total number of cars. The Parade committee reserves the right to limit the number of cars representing each club.
5. All car clubs and participating cars will be staged in the Masonic Lodge parking lot off of Monroe Street. Please enter from Englar Road.

Walking Costumed Entries

1. All costumes must be made of non-flammable materials or treated with a flame retardant chemical.
2. Lights should be placed one to two inches apart for optimal illumination.
3. A costume should be constructed so that an individual can safely and easily walk the distance of the Parade.

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1. Parade formation based on floats, vehicles, or walkers will be mailed to you in a confirmation letter.
2. Please follow instructions from Police Officers on duty.
3. Only Parade vehicles will be allowed beyond the drop off point. Parade vehicles should arrive between 3:45 and 4:15 p.m. Walkers and riders must be dropped off and then walk to the formation area. Buses will not be allowed to enter the McDaniel College grounds.
4. After leaving the formation area promptly at 5:00 p.m., the Parade will progress down Pennsylvania Avenue to a left on Main Street, then a left on Longwell Avenue, to disbandment at East Middle School.
5. Any group not ready to enter formation when called upon will be moved to the rear of the Parade.
6. It will be necessary for all groups to move forward as promptly as possible.
7. Animal units must provide manure clean up.
8. Floats may not exceed 12 feet tall by 8 feet wide.
9. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances of any kind will be allowed in the staging area, in your entry, or during the Parade.
10. Driving in an unsafe or erratic manner will result in immediate ejection from the Parade.
11. Windshields of vehicles may not be completely masked to obscure the vision of the driver.
12. All entries in the Parade MUST be family friendly.
13. Entries will not be permitted to stop or perform along Parade route.
14. Handouts of any kind (fliers, signs, buttons, etc.) from anyone within the Parade are strictly prohibited. Violators will be removed.
15. Throwing candy is not permitted. Treats may be handed out along the Parade route.
14. No political entries accepted.
15. Parade entries may not include a Santa Claus of any kind.
16. Individual vehicles carrying supplies to build/add to a float will not be permitted past the drop off point. All items must be loaded on the float or vehicle pulling the float prior to entering the Parade formation area or hand carried in from the drop off point. NO EXCEPTIONS!